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Residual currents and tensor products of holonomic systems

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The primary purpose of this note is to provide an elementary introduction to the theory of \mathcal{D}_X -Modules. This note is not meant to be a survey. We try to explain some basic notions in the theory of \mathcal{D}_X -modules. We mainly focus our attention on concrete examples of regular holonomic \mathcal{D}_X -Modules which are related with residual currents. It is hoped that some of the basic features of holonomic systems emerge.

§ 0. Products of residual currents.

To begin with let us recall the notion of residual current.

Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a complex manifold and let $f \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ be a holomorphic function. Dolbeault [6] and Herrera-Liebermann [10] showed, by making use of a desingularization of the hypersurface defined by $f = 0$, that for any compactly supported smooth test differential form ϕ , the limits

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{|f| > \varepsilon} \frac{\phi}{f} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{|f| = \varepsilon} \frac{\phi}{f}$$

exist.

The linear functional $[\frac{1}{f}]$ defined by

$$[\frac{1}{f}] : \phi \longrightarrow \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{|f| > \epsilon} \frac{\phi}{f}$$

is called the principal value of $\frac{1}{f}$. And the current defined by

$$\phi \longrightarrow \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{|f| = \epsilon} \frac{\phi}{f}$$

is called a residual current. Note that

$$\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f}](\phi) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{|f| = \epsilon} \frac{\phi}{f}.$$

Recently Passare [22] defined and intensively studied "products of residual currents". Let r be a product of residual currents of the form

$$r = \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f_1}] \wedge \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f_2}] \wedge \cdots \wedge \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f_k}], \quad f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

Passare showed in particular the following fact.

Theorem(local version). Assume that $f_1 = f_2 = \cdots = f_k = 0$ is a complete intersection at x . Then a germ of holomorphic function $h \in \mathcal{O}_x$ annuls the residual current r if and only if the holomorphic function h belongs to the ideal generated by f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k i.e. $h \in \mathcal{O}_x(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k)$. Here \mathcal{O}_x denotes the stalk at x of the sheaf of holomorphic functions.

For instance, in $\mathbb{C}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$, let us consider the

following residual current.

$$r = \bar{\partial}\left[\frac{1}{y^2}\right] \wedge \bar{\partial}\left[\frac{1}{y-x^2}\right]$$

Since $y^2 r = 0$ and $(y-x^2)r = 0$, you get $x^4 r = 0$. Hence in particular the current r is supported at the origin. Therefore r is a linear combination of derivatives of Dirac's delta function. In fact, one can verify the following equality.

$$\left(\bar{\partial}\left[\frac{1}{y^2}\right] \wedge \bar{\partial}\left[\frac{1}{y-x^2}\right] dx \wedge dy\right)\phi = -(2\pi i)^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial^3 \phi}{\partial x^3}(0, 0) + \frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial x \partial y}(0, 0) \right\}.$$

But it seems difficult, in general, to get such an explicit formula. We are thus interested in the following problem.

How to calculate or characterize a residual current?

Now let us explain our basic idea.

Let r be a residual current in the sense of Passare (22). Let \mathcal{D}_X be the sheaf on X of rings of holomorphic linear partial differential operators with holomorphic coefficients. We write $\mathcal{I}_r \subset \mathcal{D}_X$ the sheaf of annihilator ideals of the residual current r .

$$\mathcal{I}_{x,x} = \{P \in \mathcal{D}_{x,x} \mid Pm = 0\},$$

where $\mathcal{D}_{x,x}$ denotes the stalk at x of \mathcal{D}_X . Then the current r can be regarded as a distribution solution for the system of linear partial differential equations : $Pr = 0$ for any $P \in \mathcal{I}_r$.

If the annihilator ideal \mathcal{I}_r is determined, one can employ the theory of linear partial differential equations to study the residual current r . And

if in particular the dimension of the vector space of distribution solutions of this system above is equal to one, the ideal \mathcal{J}_r characterizes the residual current r .

In this report we will restrict ourselves mainly to the two dimensional case and we will derive a regular holonomic system and its generator whose distribution solutions may equal to a constant multiple of the residual current r . In other words we will derive a left \mathcal{D}_X -ideal which may equal to the annihilator ideal of the residual current r .

We will use the notions of

- (i) \mathcal{D}_X -Modules and algebraic local cohomologies,
- (ii) regular holonomic distributions,
- (iii) tensor products of holonomic systems,

and

- (iv) blow-up and blow-down of holonomic systems.

§ 1. \mathcal{D}_X -Modules and algebraic local cohomologies.

Let us recall some basic notions and fix our notation.

We start with a linear partial differential equation with an unknown function u : $Pu = 0$, where P is a holomorphic linear partial differential operator with holomorphic coefficients. Notice that $QPu = 0$ holds for any linear partial differential operator Q . Let us consider the left \mathcal{D}_X -linear homomorphism from \mathcal{D}_X to \mathcal{D}_X defined by P :

$$\mathcal{D}_X \ni QP \xleftarrow{P} Q \in \mathcal{D}_X$$

Here \mathcal{D}_X denotes the sheaf on X of holomorphic linear partial differential operators with holomorphic coefficients.

If we denote by \mathcal{I} the sheaf of left \mathcal{D}_x -ideals generated by P , we have $\text{Ker}(P : \mathcal{D}_x \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_x) = 0$ and $\text{Im}(P : \mathcal{D}_x \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_x) = \mathcal{I}$.

If we set

$$\mathcal{M} = \text{Coker}(P : \mathcal{D}_x \longrightarrow \mathcal{D}_x) = \mathcal{D}_x / \mathcal{I},$$

then \mathcal{M} becomes a left \mathcal{D}_x -Module. And the exact sequence

$$0 \longleftarrow \mathcal{M} \longleftarrow \mathcal{D}_x \xleftarrow{P} \mathcal{D}_x \longleftarrow 0.$$

can be regarded as a finite presentation of the left \mathcal{D}_x -Module \mathcal{M} . In this sense \mathcal{M} is an intrinsic object.

Notice that \mathcal{D}_x is a coherent sheaf of rings and the each stalk $\mathcal{D}_{x,x}$ is a Noetherian ring.

Let \mathcal{F} be a left \mathcal{D}_x -Module. The solutions of the equation $Pu = 0$ belonging to \mathcal{F} can be considered as follows. From the exact sequence above we get an exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_x}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_x}(\mathcal{D}_x, \mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{P} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_x}(\mathcal{D}_x, \mathcal{F}) & & \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ & & \mathcal{F} \ni g & \longrightarrow & Pg \in \mathcal{F} & & \end{array}$$

It follows that

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_x}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F})_x = \text{Ker}(P : \mathcal{F} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F})_x = \{ g \in \mathcal{F}_x \mid Pg = 0 \}.$$

Therefore determining the solutions of $Pu = 0$ is equivalent to determining

the sheaf $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F})$. Incidentally, we have

$$\mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F}) = \text{Coker} (P : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}),$$

in the sense of homological algebra.

More generally let

$$\sum_{j=1}^N P_{ij} u_j = 0 \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N_1$$

be a system of linear partial differential equations, where P_{ij} denote linear partial differential operators and u_j denote unknown functions. We can associate to this system a coherent left \mathcal{D}_X -Module \mathcal{M} with finite presentation :

$$0 \leftarrow \mathcal{M} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_X^N \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_X^{N_1}$$

Let \mathcal{F} be a left \mathcal{D}_X -Module. We can consider the sheaf of \mathcal{D}_X -homomorphisms from \mathcal{M} to \mathcal{F} and its extensions :

$$\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F}) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F}) \quad k \geq 1.$$

Let

$$0 \leftarrow \mathcal{M} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_X^N \xleftarrow{P} \mathcal{D}_X^{N_1} \xleftarrow{P_1} \mathcal{D}_X^{N_2} \xleftarrow{P_2} \dots$$

be a (local) projective resolution of \mathcal{M} , where P_j denote matrices of linear partial differential operators. It is easy to see that $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F})$ is the solutions sheaf and each cohomology group $\mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{F})$ gives the

obstructions of the solvability of P_{k-1} with compatibility condition given by P_k .

For this reason we mean by a system of linear partial differential equations a coherent left \mathcal{D}_X -Module.

Example 1.

The structure sheaf \mathcal{O}_X is naturally endowed with a structure of left \mathcal{D}_X -Module by differentiation. For instance, let $X = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\} = \mathbb{C}^2$. For any germ $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X, x}$ of holomorphic function we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \in \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \in \mathcal{O}_{X, x}.$$

But if you regard f as an element of $\mathcal{D}_{X, x}$, f becomes a linear partial differential operator of order zero and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} f = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + f \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad \text{etc.}$$

Hence we have
$$\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{D}_X / (\mathcal{D}_X \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \mathcal{D}_X \frac{\partial}{\partial y}).$$

We also have

$$\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \mathbb{C}_X \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

Let us recall the notion of algebraic local cohomology.

Let $Y = \{f = 0\}$ be a complex hypersurface, f denotes a defining holomorphic function. We define the algebraic local cohomology sheaf by the inductive limit

$$\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = \varinjlim_k \mathcal{E}_{xt}^1(\mathcal{O}_X / (f)^k, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

where $(f)^k$ denotes the \mathcal{O}_X -Ideal generated by f^k . We also consider

$$\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) = \varinjlim_k \mathcal{H}am_{\mathcal{O}_X}((f)^k, \mathcal{O}_X),$$

hence have a exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow 0.$$

If we denote by ϕ_k be a section of $\mathcal{H}am_{\mathcal{O}_X}((f)^k, \mathcal{O}_X)_x$ defined by $\phi_k(f^k) = 1$, then ϕ_k can be identified with $\frac{1}{f^k}$. Hence a germ of

$\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ can be represented by

$$h_0 + \frac{h_1}{f} + \frac{h_2}{f^2} + \cdots + \frac{h_k}{f^k}, \quad \text{where } h_0, \dots, h_k \in \mathcal{O}_{X, x}.$$

This means that $\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is the sheaf of meromorphic functions with pole on Y .

A germ of $\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ can be represented by

$$\frac{h_1}{f} + \frac{h_2}{f^2} + \cdots + \frac{h_k}{f^k} \mod \mathcal{O}_{X, x}, \quad \text{where } h_0, \dots, h_k \in \mathcal{O}_{X, x}.$$

It is thus easy to verify that these two sheaves have the structure of left \mathcal{D}_X -Module.

Example 2.

Let $X = \mathbb{C}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$, $Y = \{(x, y) \in X \mid x = 0\}$.

If we set $n = \frac{1}{x}$, then n generates the sheaf $\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ over \mathcal{D}_X .

Since $(x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 1)n = 0$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} n = 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \cong \mathcal{D}_X n = \mathcal{D}_X / (\mathcal{D}_X (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 1) + \mathcal{D}_X \frac{\partial}{\partial y}).$$

Hence $\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is a coherent left \mathcal{D}_X -Module.

It is easy to verify the followings.

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = \mathbb{C}_{X-Y} = j_* \mathbb{C}_{X-Y}$$

and

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k(\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 1,$$

where $j : X-Y \hookrightarrow X$ is the natural open inclusion map.

Example 3.

Let $X = \mathbb{C}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$, $Y = \{(x, y) \in X \mid x = 0\}$.

If we set $m = \frac{1}{x} \bmod \mathcal{O}_X$, then m generates the \mathcal{D}_X -Module $\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

Since $xm = 1 \in \mathcal{O}_X$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial y} m = 0$, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{D}_X m = \mathcal{D}_X / (\mathcal{D}_X x + \mathcal{D}_X \frac{\partial}{\partial y}).$$

We also have

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = 0,$$

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = \mathbb{C}_Y$$

and

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k(\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 2.$$

Note. Set $m^- = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} m$. Then $m^- \in \mathcal{D}_X m$. Hence $\mathcal{D}_X m^- \subseteq \mathcal{D}_X m$.

Since $m = -xm^-$, we have $\mathcal{D}_X m \subseteq \mathcal{D}_X m^-$. Therefore we have

$\mathcal{D}_X m = \mathcal{D}_X m^-$ as set. But the annihilator ideal of m^- is equal

to

$$\mathcal{D}_X x^2 + \mathcal{D}_X (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2) + \mathcal{D}_X \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

In what follows we say that a \mathcal{D}_X -Module $\mathcal{D}_X m_1$ generated by m_1 is equal to a \mathcal{D}_X -Module $\mathcal{D}_X m_2$ generated by m_2 if the annihilator ideal of m_1 is equal to the annihilator ideal of m_2 .

Notation.

We write $\mathcal{M}_1 \cong \mathcal{M}_2$ if the \mathcal{D}_X -Module \mathcal{M}_1 is isomorphic to the

\mathcal{D}_X -Module \mathcal{M}_2 . We write $\mathcal{D}_X m_1 = \mathcal{D}_X m_2$ if the \mathcal{D}_X -Module $\mathcal{D}_X m_1$ is

equal to $\mathcal{D}_x^{m_2}$.

Let \mathcal{I} be a coherent \mathcal{O}_X -Ideal and Y the support of $\mathcal{O}_X / \mathcal{I}$. We define the q -th algebraic local cohomology sheaf by the inductive limit

$$\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^q(\mathcal{O}_X) = \varinjlim_k \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_X}^q(\mathcal{O}_X / \mathcal{I}^k, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

We also set

$$\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^q(\mathcal{O}_X) = \varinjlim_k \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_X}^q(\mathcal{I}^k, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

We thus have a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow 0.$$

and isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^q(\mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^{q+1}(\mathcal{O}_X) \quad q \geq 1.$$

It is easy to see that these are left \mathcal{D}_X -Modules.

Recall that a left coherent \mathcal{D}_X -Module whose characteristic variety is Lagrangian is called a holonomic system.

Following result is known.

Theorem (Kashiwara (13), Mebkhout (20)).

(i) $\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^q(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is coherent.

(ii) $\mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^q(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is a regular holonomic system

For the notion of regular singularity we refer to [16].

Theorem (Mebkhout [20]).

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(R\Gamma_{[Y]}(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{O}_X) = C_Y,$$

where $R\Gamma_{[Y]}$ denote the right derived functor of $\Gamma_{[Y]}$ and $R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$ denotes the right derived functor for $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\cdot, \mathcal{O}_X)$.

To end this section let us recall that the sheaf \mathcal{D}_X has the following description :

$$\mathcal{D}_X = \mathcal{H}_{[X]}^{\dim X}(\mathcal{O}_{X \times X}^{(0, \dim X)})$$

where $\mathcal{O}_{X \times X}^{(0, \dim X)}$ is the sheaf of $(\dim X)$ -holomorphic forms in the second variables with holomorphic functions as coefficients and X is identified with the diagonal of $X \times X$. Note also that the sheaf \mathcal{D}_X^∞ of rings of linear partial differential operators of infinite order can be described by

$$\mathcal{D}_X^\infty = \mathcal{H}_X^{\dim X}(\mathcal{O}_{X \times X}^{(0, \dim X)}).$$

Let X and Y be complex manifolds and ϕ a holomorphic map from Y to X . Kashiwara introduced the sheaf $\mathcal{D}_{Y \rightarrow X}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{X \leftarrow Y}$ by

$$\mathcal{D}_{Y \rightarrow X} = \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^{\dim X}(\mathcal{O}_{Y \times X} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Omega_X^{\dim X}),$$

and

$$\mathcal{D}_{X \leftarrow Y} = \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^{\dim X} (\Omega_Y^{\dim Y} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{O}_{Y \times X}),$$

respectively, where $\Omega_X^{\dim X}$ (resp. $\Omega_Y^{\dim Y}$) signifies the sheaf of the holomorphic $(\dim X)$ -forms (resp. $(\dim Y)$ -forms).

§ 2. Regular holonomic distributions and residual currents.

In this section we try to illustrate the Reconstruction theorem for holonomic systems [16]. We shall content ourselves with discussing the most simplest case which is related to residual currents.

Let us first examine the one dimensional case. Let $X = \{z \mid z \in \mathbb{C}\}$, $Y = \{0\}$. We set

$$\mathcal{M}^- = \mathcal{D}_X / \mathcal{D}_X \frac{d}{dz} \cong \mathcal{O}_X,$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{D}_X / \mathcal{D}_X (z \frac{d}{dz} + 1) \cong \mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X),$$

and

$$\mathcal{M}^- = \mathcal{D}_X / \mathcal{D}_X z \cong \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X).$$

We thus have a short exact sequence of \mathcal{D}_X -Modules.

$$(*) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^- \longrightarrow \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^- \longrightarrow 0$$

By applying the derived functor $R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(*, \mathcal{O}_X)$ to the exact

sequence above we get an exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}^-, \mathcal{O}_X) &\longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}^+, \mathcal{O}_X) \\ &\longrightarrow \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{M}^-, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{M}^+, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X)_Y = \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{D}_X}^1(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X)_Y = 0$, we thus have

$$(**) \quad 0 \longrightarrow C_{X-Y} \longrightarrow C_X \longrightarrow C_Y \longrightarrow 0$$

Let us recall the following quasi-isomorphisms.

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{C}}(C_{X-Y}, \mathcal{O}_X) = [0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_{X-Y} \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{B}_{X-Y} \longrightarrow 0],$$

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{C}}(C_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = [0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_X \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \mathcal{B}_X \longrightarrow 0],$$

and

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{C}}(C_Y, \mathcal{O}_X) = [0 \longrightarrow \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X \xrightarrow{\bar{\partial}} \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X \longrightarrow 0].$$

where \mathcal{B}_X denotes the sheaf of hyperfunctions and $\Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X$ denotes the sheaf of hyperfunctions with supports in Y . It follows that

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{C}}(C_{X-Y}, \mathcal{O}_X) = j_* j^{-1} \mathcal{O}_X,$$

$$R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{C}}(C_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{O}_X,$$

and

$$R\mathcal{H}om_c(C_Y, \mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{H}_Y^1(\mathcal{O}_X)[-1]$$

where j denotes the natural open inclusion map $j : X - Y \hookrightarrow X$. We thus verified the following results.

$$R\mathcal{H}om_c(R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}', \mathcal{O}_X)) = \mathcal{M}'$$

$$R\mathcal{H}om_c(R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{O}_X)) = \mathcal{D}_X^\infty \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{M}$$

and

$$R\mathcal{H}om_c(R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{M}'', \mathcal{O}_X)) = \mathcal{D}_X^\infty \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{M}''$$

where \mathcal{D}_X^∞ denotes the sheaf of rings of linear partial differential operators of infinite orders.

Let us reexamine the result above by using the following double complex associated with the exact sequence (**):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}_X & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}_{X-Y} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \bar{\partial} & & \downarrow \bar{\partial} & & \downarrow \bar{\partial} \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}_X & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}_{X-Y} \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 0
 \end{array}$$

Let start with the meromorphic function $\frac{1}{z} \in \Gamma(X-Y, \mathcal{B}_{X-Y})$. Since the sheaf \mathcal{B}_X is flabby, the sheaf morphism $\mathcal{B}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{X-Y}$ is surjective.

In fact the principal value hyperfunction $(\frac{1}{z}) \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{B}_X)$ satisfies

$$[\frac{1}{z}] = \frac{1}{z} \text{ on } X - Y \text{ thus in particular that } \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{z}] \text{ belongs to}$$

$\Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X$. Hence the coboundary morphism

$$\text{Ker}(\bar{\partial} : \mathcal{B}_{X-Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{X-Y}) \rightarrow \text{Coker}(\bar{\partial} : \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X \rightarrow \Gamma_Y \mathcal{B}_X),$$

maps $\frac{1}{z}$ to $\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{z}]$.

We thus have the following exact sequence of \mathcal{D}_X^∞ -Modules :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X^\infty(\frac{1}{z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X^\infty(\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{z}]) \rightarrow 0,$$

which is isomorphic to

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X^\infty \otimes \mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X^\infty \otimes \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow 0.$$

We also have the following exact sequence of coherent left \mathcal{D}_X -Modules :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X(\frac{1}{z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X(\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{z}]) \rightarrow 0.$$

It is easy to verify that the exact sequence above is isomorphic to the following one :

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[X|Y]}^0(\mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{[Y]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow 0.$$

It is hoped that the explanation above illustrate some aspects of the subjects. We refer to (16) and (14) for the reconstruction theorem for holonomic systems and for the Riemann-Hilbert correspondence for regular holonomic systems.

Nextly we briefly examine the two dimensional case.

Let f be a holomorphic function defined in a domain X in \mathbb{C}^2 . We set $F = \{f = 0\}$. Let us denote by $\delta(f)$ the section of $\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ defined by

$\frac{1}{f} \bmod \mathcal{O}_X$. If the function f is analytically irreducible, the section

$\delta(f)$ generates the \mathcal{D}_X -Module $\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$, for $\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is simple as

\mathcal{D}_X -Module ([8]).

We have the following result (cf. [3], [7] and [19]).

Theorem. 4

Assume that the holomorphic function f is analytically irreducible.

Then $\mathcal{D}_X(\delta(f)) = \mathcal{D}_X(\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f}])$ holds. More precisely the annihilator ideal of $\delta(f)$ and that of the residual current $\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f}]$ coincides.

In particular the residual current $\bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f}]$ is a regular holonomic distribution ([15]).

§ 3. Tensor products of holonomic systems.

In this section we examine tensor products of holonomic systems supported on plane curves.

Let us recall the notion of tensor product.

Let \mathcal{M}_1 and \mathcal{M}_2 be two \mathcal{D}_X -modules. Let X_1 and X_2 be two copies of the complex manifold X . Let p_1 (resp. p_2) be the projection from $X_1 \times X_2$ to X_1 (resp. X_2). We set

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{D}_{X_1 \times X_2} \otimes_{p_1^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{X_1} \otimes p_2^{-1} \mathcal{D}_{X_2}} (p_1^{-1} \mathcal{M}_1 \otimes p_2^{-1} \mathcal{M}_2).$$

Let us denote by \otimes^L the left derived functor of \otimes .

We have the following result.

Proposition (Kashiwara (13)).

For two \mathcal{D}_X -Modules \mathcal{M}_1 and \mathcal{M}_2 , we have

$$\mathcal{M}_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}^L \mathcal{M}_2 = \mathcal{D}_{X \rightarrow X_1 \times X_2} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_{X_1 \times X_2}}^L (\mathcal{M}_1 \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{M}_2).$$

Now let us examine the tensor products of two algebraic local cohomologies with support in plane curves.

Let X be a domain in $\mathbb{C}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$ containing the origin $P = (0, 0)$. Let F and G be two analytic plane curves (defined in X) passing through P . Let f (resp. g) be a defining holomorphic function of the curve F (resp. G). We set :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{x_1}) \widehat{\otimes} \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{x_2}).$$

We identify X with the diagonal of $X_1 \times X_2$. We choose the natural coordinates (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) on $X_1 \times X_2$ such that $X = \{(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \mid x_1 = x_2, y_1 = y_2\}$. Since

$$\mathcal{J}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} = \mathcal{J}_{x_1 \times x_2} / (x_1 - x_2) \mathcal{J}_{x_1 \times x_2} + (y_1 - y_2) \mathcal{J}_{x_1 \times x_2},$$

$\mathcal{J}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \bigotimes_{\mathcal{J}_{x_1 \times x_2}}^L \mathcal{L}$ is quasi-isomorphic to the complex

$$0 \longleftarrow \mathcal{L} \xleftarrow{\chi_1} \begin{matrix} \mathcal{L} \\ \oplus \\ \mathcal{L} \end{matrix} \xleftarrow{\chi_2} \mathcal{L} \longleftarrow 0.$$

where $\chi_1 = (x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2)$ and $\chi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 - y_1 \\ x_1 - x_2 \end{pmatrix}$.

If we denote by $1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2}$ the canonical section of $\mathcal{J}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2}$ (23), we have the following :

$$x \cdot 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \left(\frac{1}{2} (x_1 + x_2) \right),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \right), \quad \text{etc.}$$

It is easy to verify the following result.

Proposition 5.

Let F and G be two analytically irreducible plane curves containing the origin P . Assume that F and G meet properly at P i.e. $F \cap G = P$. Then we have the following results.

$$(i) \quad \tau_{\mathcal{O}_x}^{\mathcal{O}_x}(\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x), \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x)) = \tau_{\mathcal{O}_k}^{\mathcal{D}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2}}(\mathcal{D}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2}, \mathcal{L}) = 0$$

for any $k \geq 1$.

$$(ii) \quad \text{The tensor product } \mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_x} \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x) = \mathcal{D}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_{x_1 \times x_2}} \mathcal{L}$$

is isomorphic to the simple regular holonomic \mathcal{D}_x -Module $\mathcal{H}_{[P]}^2(\mathcal{O}_x)$

supported by the origin P .

Let us denote by $\delta(f)$ (resp. by $\delta(g)$) the section of the sheaf

$$\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x) \text{ (resp. } \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x)) \text{ defined by } \frac{1}{f} \bmod \mathcal{O}_x \text{ (resp. } \frac{1}{g} \bmod \mathcal{O}_x).$$

We set :

$$\mathfrak{m} = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes (\delta(f) \hat{\otimes} \delta(g)).$$

The following result is an immediate consequence of Proposition 5.

Proposition 6.

Under the assumption of Proposition 5, we have the following equality.

$$\mathcal{D}_x \mathfrak{m} \cong \mathcal{D}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_{x_1 \times x_2}} \mathcal{L}.$$

We can use the result above to calculate the annihilator ideal of the generator m .

Example 7 ([24]).

Set $X = \mathbb{C}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{C}\}$, $F = \{(x, y) \mid y = 0\}$ and $G = \{(x, y) \mid y - x^2 = 0\}$. Let us denote by $\delta(y)$ (resp. $\delta(y - x^2)$) the canonical generator of $\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ (resp. $\mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$). We set :

$$m = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes (\delta(y_1) \hat{\otimes} \delta(y_2 - x_2^2)).$$

Then we have

$$\mathcal{J}_X m \cong \mathcal{J}_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes_{\mathcal{J}_{x_1 \times x_2}} (\mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{x_1}) \hat{\otimes} \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{x_2})),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{J}_X m &= \mathcal{J}_X / (\mathcal{J}_X x^2 + \mathcal{J}_X (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 2) + \mathcal{J}_X y) \\ &= \mathcal{J}_X (-\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta(x, y)), \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta(x, y)$ denotes Dirac's delta-function at the origin.

For the detailed account, we refer the reader to [25].

Example 8.

Put $F = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid y = 0\}$ and $G = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid y^2 - x^3 = 0\}$.

If we set

$$m = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes (\delta(y_1) \hat{\otimes} \delta(y_2^2 - x_2^3)),$$

then we have

$$\mathcal{D}_x m \cong \mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_x} \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x).$$

By direct calculation we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_x m &= \mathcal{D}_x / (\mathcal{D}_x x^3 + \mathcal{D}_x (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 3) + \mathcal{D}_x y) \\ &= \mathcal{D}_x (\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \delta(x, y)). \end{aligned}$$

Let us state a conjecture.

Conjecture.

Let F and G be analytically irreducible plane curves intersecting properly at the origin. Let f and g be holomorphic defining function of F and G respectively. If we set

$$m = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes (\delta(f) \hat{\otimes} \delta(g))$$

then we have $\mathcal{D}_x m = \mathcal{D}_x r$, where r denotes the residual current

$$r = \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{f}] \wedge \bar{\partial}[\frac{1}{g}].$$

This means that the annihilator ideal of m and that of r coincides.

§ 4. Blow-up and blow-down of holonomic systems.

In order to calculate tensor products of holonomic \mathcal{D}_X -Modules we use the notion of blow-up and blow-down of \mathcal{D}_X -Modules.

Let X and Z be two complex manifolds. Let ψ be a proper holomorphic map from Z to X . For any coherent \mathcal{D}_X -Module \mathcal{M} , we set :

$$L\psi^* \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{D}_{Z \rightarrow X} \otimes_{\psi^{-1} \mathcal{D}_X}^L \psi^{-1} \mathcal{M}.$$

For any coherent \mathcal{D}_Z -Module \mathcal{N} we set :

$$\int_{\psi} \mathcal{N} = R\psi_* (\mathcal{D}_{X \leftarrow Z} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_Z}^L \mathcal{N}).$$

Here $R\psi_*$ is the right derived functor of ψ_* .

Example 9.

Let $X = \mathbb{C}^2$ and let $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ be the blowing-up of X at the origin $P = (0, 0)$. Then we have

$$\int_{\pi} \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} = \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{H}_{[P]}^2(\mathcal{O}_X).$$

We have the following projection formula which we will use later.

Projection Formula (cf. (11), (25)).

Let ψ be a proper holomorphic map from Z to X . For any coherent \mathcal{D}_Z -Module \mathcal{N} , and for any coherent \mathcal{D}_X -Module \mathcal{M} , we have

$$\int_{\psi} (\mathcal{M} \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_Z}^L L_{\psi}^* \mathcal{M}) = \left(\int_{\psi} \mathcal{M} \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X}^L \mathcal{M}.$$

Note. If we set $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{O}_Z$ then we have

$$\int_{\psi} L_{\psi}^* \mathcal{M} = \left(\int_{\psi} \mathcal{O}_Z \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X}^L \mathcal{M}.$$

Now let us return to the two dimensional case. Let X be a domain in \mathbb{C}^2 and let F be a plane curve on X with a holomorphic defining function f . Let $\pi: \tilde{X} \longrightarrow X$ be the blow-up of X at the origin. Let us denote by \tilde{F} the total transform of F , i.e. $\tilde{F} = \{f \circ \pi = 0\}$.

It is easy to verify the following result.

Proposition 10.

$$(i) \quad \tau_{\mathcal{D}_X}^k (\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X} \rightarrow X}^{\mathcal{D}_X}, \mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X)) = 0 \quad \text{for } k \geq 1.$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X} \rightarrow X}^{\mathcal{D}_X} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{[F]}^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{H}_{[\tilde{F}]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}).$$

It means that the total transform of the sheaf of algebraic local cohomology supported in F is equal to the sheaf of algebraic local cohomology supported in the total transform of F .

Note that if we set $\tilde{f} = f \circ \pi$ then $\delta(\tilde{f}) = 1_{\tilde{X} \rightarrow X} \otimes \delta(f)$ generates the $\mathcal{D}_{\tilde{X}}^{\mathcal{D}_X}$ -Module $\mathcal{H}_{[\tilde{F}]}^1(\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}})$.

Example 11.

We calculate the annihilator ideal of $1_{x \rightarrow x_1 x_2} \otimes (\delta(y_1) \hat{\otimes} \delta(y_2^2 - x_2^3))$

by making use of the projection formula.

Set $F = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid f(x, y) = y = 0\}$ and $G = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid g(x, y) = y^2 - x^3 = 0\}$. Let \mathcal{M} be the sheaf of algebraic local cohomology with support in the cusp G :

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{I}_x \delta(g) \cong \mathcal{H}_{[G]}^1(\mathcal{O}_x)$$

Let (u, v) be local coordinates on X which satisfy $x = v$ and $y = uv$. Since $\tilde{g} = g \circ \pi = v^2(u^2 - v)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^* \mathcal{M} &= \mathcal{I}_x \delta(\tilde{g}) \\ &= \mathcal{I}_x / (\mathcal{I}_x (v^2(u^2 - v)) + \mathcal{I}_x (u \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + 2v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + 6) + \mathcal{I}_x (u^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} - v \frac{\partial}{\partial u} + 2u)). \end{aligned}$$

If we set $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{I}_x \delta(u) = \mathcal{I}_x / (\mathcal{I}_x u + \mathcal{I}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial v})$, then we have

$$\int_{\pi} \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{I}_x / (\mathcal{I}_x v + \mathcal{I}_x \frac{\partial}{\partial x}).$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_x} \pi^* \mathcal{M} &= \mathcal{I}_x / (\mathcal{I}_x u + \mathcal{I}_x v^3 + \mathcal{I}_x (v \frac{\partial}{\partial v} + 3)), \\ &= \mathcal{I}_x (\frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} \delta(u, v)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\int_{\pi} \mathcal{D}_x \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial v^2} \delta(u, v) \right) = \mathcal{D}_x / (\mathcal{D}_x x^3 + \mathcal{D}_x (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 3) + \mathcal{D}_x y).$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}_x m &= \mathcal{D}_x / (\mathcal{D}_x x^3 + \mathcal{D}_x (x \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + 3) + \mathcal{D}_x y) \\ &= \mathcal{D}_x \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \delta(x, y) \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $m = 1_{x \rightarrow x_1 \times x_2} \otimes (\delta(y_1) \hat{\otimes} \delta(y_2^2 - x_2^3)).$

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